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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Seiji SAITO, et al.	:	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/667,351	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: September 23, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	November 12, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GAU</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
10/667,444	09/25/2003	Unassigned	Masaru SHIMURA Takehiko SUZUKI	Pending

A copy of this application is enclosed.

### FORMAL MATTERS

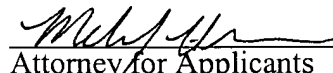
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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